**Project Description:** For this project, you will be able to decide the format of your writing project and the content of what you will be writing about. You can choose to link your project directly to what we are talking about in class, or you can choose to forge ahead and not refer to *The Giver* at all. You can even decide to look back to what we discussed at the start of the year and build a writing project around any of our novels, readings, seminar questions, or big ideas. The point of this project is that you are excited about it and interested in it.

**Project Format:** You can choose any of the writing styles:

* Narrative (writing a story)
* Argumentative (Literary Analysis—think *The Outsiders* paper, Short Story Compare/Contrast)
* Persuasive (Puritans Essay)
* Other—see me if you are interested in research papers or another format

**Rubrics/Grades:**

* Writing Project Rubrics will depend on the format you choose to follow, but they will have the same components as all of the rubrics you have had this year.
* You will also be assessed on your use of commas, complex sentences, and subject-verb agreement.

**Possible Ideas:**

* Narrative
  + Write a creative story
  + Re-write the ending of *The Giver* in greater detail
  + Write a biography or an autobiography
* Argumentative Essay
  + Analyze theme in *The Giver*
  + Character change in a novel we have read
  + Compare and Contrast two novels from this year
  + Compare and Contrast a book to its film translation
* Persuasive Essay
  + Choose a seminar question from this year and persuade others of your viewpoint.
  + Choose a current event and persuade others of your viewpoint/opinion on it.
  + Do you have something you are passionate about or greatly believe in/support? Write about it and persuade others to also understand and believe what you believe.

**Timeline:**

* Week 1: Proposals and Planning
* Week 2: Planning and Drafting
* Week 3: Rough Draft Due
* Week 4: Final Paper Due

**Brainstorming**

Are there any formats you definitely want to do? Definitely don’t want to do?

What is something that excites or interests you outside of school that you might want to write or learn more about?

Are there any books or novels you loved this year? Could you add to them? Write a sequel?

Did any of the books make you consider **big questions** about our loyalties as a society or country? Or, did they make you think about ways people should be living differently or in a more moral way?

\*\*Chat with your table group and share your ideas. If you are still at a loss, raise your hand and check in with me. Once you settle on an idea, fill out the attached writing proposal. It is due on **Wednesday.**

Project Proposal

In your proposal, you should explain the following:

* What will you write about?
* Which format is your paper in?
* How will you plan for this project before you begin drafting? (Outline, web, venn diagram, etc.)
* What will the length of your project be?
* Is this a project that will take you at least 3 writing sessions in class to complete?
* What might be a challenge for you while working on this project? Why?
* What excites you about what you chose to write about? Why?
* How does this project show what your strengths are as a writer?

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